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State Nursery to Close

Draper, Utah – The Lone Peak Nursery will cease operations on June 30, 2009 at the end of the fiscal year. Funding for the 32 year old state nursery program was cut in the recent special session of the legislature forcing the closure of the facility and premature sale of the remaining seedlings.

Nursery Manager, Brandon Long says that agencies with planting projects starting this spring should plan to submit orders as early as January 5, 2009. The nursery staff plans to fast-track the ordering process enabling all stock to be picked up by May 28th. Seedlings will be priced at \$1.29 each with a 100 plant minimum. Details on plant size and species are available on the Division of Forestry website at: http://seedlings.utah.gov.

The 35-acre Draper facility has produced the types and quantities of plants not available in the public sector. The sole purpose of the Lone Peak Nursery has been to grow and sell seedlings to agencies and landowners for restoration and conservation initiatives.

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